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MID-WESTERN FARMS OFFER RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES SHIRRELL URGES PIONEERING AS ICE-BREAKER FOR GOOD RELATIONS

Vegetable farming in the Mid-West to supply the good markets of Mid-Western cities was offered as a solution to the relocation problem facing many former West Coast farmers by Elmer Shirrell, relocation supervisor in Chicago.

Shirrell wrote to the Project that he and his staff will exert more of their efforts towards the resettlement of evacuees on the farms of the Mid-

West. He stated that the farmers are in need of workers, and if the evacuees fulfill the need, they will gain community acceptance. At the same time they will become acquainted with the climate, soil, and markets so that by the beginning of 1944 crop season, they may be able to rent or buy a farm to operate it themselves.

Shirrell stated that there was a definite need for pioneer-farmers to investigate the possibilities of locating in the Mid-Western area, and act as reporters for others of conditions there. He foresaw a mutual benefit to the labor-hungry areas and to the evacuees from such a move.

He asserted that good opportunities are open now, and that if a few families locate, the way will be opened for more to follow.

SHELLY BACK IN FORMER POSITION

James Shelly, well-liked former superintendent of Community Enterprises, is back again on the project in his former position. He was transferred from the relocation office in Phoenix following its shutdown.

811 RESIDENTS RESETTLED

Over ten thousand evacuees were out on indefinite or seasonal leaves as of May 16, according to a release from the Washington office of the WRA.

Of this total, 5,494 were issued indefinite leaves and 4,879, seasonal. Six hundred and fifty-three were out as of the same date on short term leaves.

Rivers kept pace with the other centers in number of residents granted indefinite leave with 567 listed at the end of May. In seasonal employment, this center came off poorly with 244, only 5% of the total.

Henry Freeland, leave officer, said that henceforth most of departees will be on indefinite leave, as the seasonal work has already started. He said that resettlement is showing an upward trend.

Coop Licence Rejected; WRA Seeks Reversal

Rejection of the application of the Gila River Co-operative Enterprises for a license to do business in Arizona on Saturday, June 5, by the Arizona Corporation Commission immediately set the Project machinery into operation to counter the move.

A ten day extension of the right to do business was granted to the Cooperative by the Corporation Commission. The extension expires on June 15.

In the meantime the Project office was busy. Project Director L. H. Bennett said that he and his staff were doing everything possible for the Cooperative to carry on as planned. He hoped that the hitch would be straightened out within the ten days.

The Corporation Commission cancelled the filing of the application on the grounds that the Cooperative, which filed as a non-profit corporation, does not comply with Arizona's laws governing non-profit corporations in that its 7,879 members would benefit through savings in the services it was organized to render.

Bennett refuted the contention of the Commission, declaring that the Co-operative, which is organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, is a non-profit organization. He said that the Articles of Corporation had been approved by the Arizona Attorney General and the WRA legal staff.

SECOND WELL IN OPERATION

For eighteen uncomfortable hours Sunday, Butte residents suffered for the lack of water for showers, latrines, and coolers.

With water pumps out of operation to permit the connection of a pipe from an auxiliary well to the main water pipe, the Butte water tank ran out of water at 6 a.m. Sunday. The connection was not completed at noon on Sunday as anticipated due to unforeseen difficulties. The finishing touches came at about 11 p.m. Sunday. An hour later, water was running.

STAFF ARTIST

Staff artist needed immediately on the NEWS-COURIER. Apply at rec hall 5%.

TENNIS

Deadline to enter Open Singles Class A and B tennis tournament to be held Sunday is Thursday, 8 p.m. at 36-14-BB or 36-2-D.